

### REMARKS

The Office Action of August 11, 2004 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied and, in view of the above changes and the following representations, reconsideration and allowance of this application are most respectfully requested.

Applicant first wishes to express his appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 7. Applicant believes that he has made a valuable contribution to the art and the Examiner's recognition of the same is appreciated.

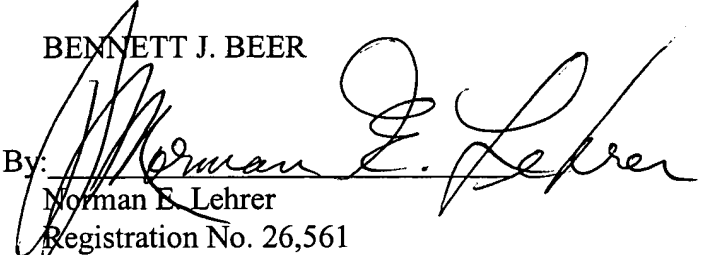
The present amendment is believed to put the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, new Claims 10-15 have been added. Claim 10 is essentially Claim 1 rewritten to include the limitations of Claim 1, the allowable subject matter of Claim 7, and the limitations of intervening Claims 2 and 3. New Claims 11-15 incorporate the subject matter of and correspond to Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, respectively. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added and no new limitations have been recited. Please note that the wording of the claims has been altered slightly only to make the claims more readable and to conform with current PTO practice. Therefore, it is believed that presently pending Claims 10-15 are allowable.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims presently in the application clearly and patentably distinguish over the references of record and should be allowed. It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and an early action toward that end is most respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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